

Who we are

The Jorstad Creek Studio is a place for creating, learning, and exploring the craft of knitting and spinning. We welcome anyone who wants to learn, find out about our products, or network with other knitters and spinners.

- We strive to provide beautiful hand dyed yarn and fiber from sustainable sources.
- With our sister company, Great Steppe Fiber, we are learning and seeking to practice Fair Trade principles.
- With our wholesale clients and partners, we work hard to support local yarn stores by offering a local product.
- For our farming partners, we seek to provide a source of income and support for locally grown, sustainable products.

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Countdown to December

Your passport to gift
knitting made easy!



JORSTAD CREEK

Northwest Fibers, Hand Dyed Yarn

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Extra Discounts for All

October

*30% off Orange
Yarn!*

We love October, Pumpkins, and Orange.
Take 30% off any one skein of orange
yarn in stock in October.
It will put a grin on our Jack-O-Lantern!

November

*30% off Black
Yarn!*

Friday November 23 only.
Charcoal, Abyss, Very Black, Ebony, it all
qualifies for the discount on Black Friday,
November 23!

December

*30% off kits for
gifts!*

Last minute shopping? Throughout
December we'll give you a discount on
kits for the fellow knitter in your life.

Gift Certificates Available Too!

Discounts

“The odds of going to the store for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are three billion to one.”

– **Erma Bombeck**

These discounts will be featured for all of our customers each month, even without a Countdown-to-December Passport. In the words of Kaia Petersen, Extraordinary Knitter, “If you can’t stop thinking about that yarn, buy it girl!” Of course, there’s nothing wrong with planning a purchase in advance – just remember, if you wait too long you may experience “non-buyer’s remorse.” We dye our beautiful yarns in small batches to make them truly exceptional!

August

*30 % off Books,
Buttons, and
BFL*

We are selective about the books we offer, choosing titles that are great additions to your reference library or are truly inspiring. Our buttons range from the charming to the classic. Our BFL (Blue-Faced Leicester) in yarn and fiber are all eligible for the discount. Get them while they last!

September

*30 % off Red
Yarn and Fiber*

We love red. Tibetan Red, Sonya’s Red, Red Velvet, Red is the color of red delicious apples, and since September brings the new crop of local apples we celebrate and offer a discount on red yarn and spinning fiber with red in the colorway!

Countdown to December

We know what happens ...



You’ve promised a scarf, a shawl, a hat, or pair of socks, maybe a pair of mitts as Christmas gifts. Now it is December and you wish you had all that time from last summer to get started on your gift knitting!



We’ve got you covered! We are going to get you started months ahead with fantastic knitting projects. You will complete them in time to enjoy the Holidays without that panic of last minute gift making!



Not only will you have fun, but you can enter each month in a drawing to get a gift from Jorstad Creek! Collect 8 or more stamps to enter for a monthly drawing and a December grand prize drawing.



Let’s work together to make the Holidays stress free and fun this year!

Jorstad Creek

July

“The Summer looks out from her brazen tower, Through the flashing bars of July” –Francis Thompson, A Corymbus for Autumn

July 14 – Countdown Display Pick up your Passport at the Studio!

Join us for treats and a start on projects! The Jorstad staff will be there to tell you about the projects and crafts, help with planning, and get you started on July’s projects.

Kits



Java Flower Coasters

Kits available in Kodiak single ply in 5 colors. Felt these clever coasters as a gift set! The pattern is free on Ravelry at <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/java-flower-coasters>



Holiday Décor Project



Churchmouse Simple Stocking

Get started early! Kits with pattern available in Camano in solids, multis, and accent colors. Make a striped “Pippi” version, or choose a medium or large in brilliant colors. Later on in the gift-making season we will show options for embellishing your stocking!



those traditions or commitments we feel are an undue burden. Plan ahead, start early, let go of what doesn’t get done, and find joy in the process of making things you love to give to others.

The things we enlarge in our lives are not as important as we think. It is not a tragedy that the Christmas Cards don’t get done. Those who love you still love you. Pick the handful of individuals in your life that you know really need to hear from you and send them a personal note instead of the impersonal newsletter. The personalized note is what they will keep long after the New Year’s Champagne has gone flat.

*“Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.
What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”*

– **Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**

I and the rest of the Jorstad Creek crew strive to keep the Studio a place of calm in the midst of a busy downtown setting. It is the calm center of our own lives. Every day we open the Studio we hope our knitter friends, current and new, will walk through the door and find something to delight, to encourage, and to renew.

It is our gift to you dear knitters, come as often as you like, as often as you can, and you will be most welcome!

Kerry

Thoughts about the Holiday season...

Dear Knitters,

We all have our Holiday traditions, observances, and family commitments that come with December and the end of the year. Every year we promise ourselves, we will simplify, we will focus on only that which is important and brings joy. Then we enter the new year exhausted and glad it is over. This is not good for us, and it isn't good for those around us who care and love us.

“That the birds of worry and care fly over your head, this you cannot change; but that they build nests in your hair, this you can prevent.” – Chinese Proverb.

As the Chinese proverb so eloquently imparts, we are not in control of the birds flying. We are however in control of what we let land in our hair. Nobody, dear knitters, needs a birds nest in their hair.

What most attracts me to the practice of knitting is its meditative qualities – how quickly the worries of the day fade when I am knitting! We knit on, as dear Elizabeth Zimmerman said, through all crises. We build, row upon row, steady, with a beginning, a middle, and an end. This is the source of my calm, my persistence, and the answer to the frequent question to me, “How do you do it all?”

For me, “all” is only what I believe to be important and necessary to bring the joyful things in life. And that is what I urge you to do, consider what sustains you and brings you joy. Do only what is necessary and not what is superfluous or solely for appearances. We can choose not to do any part of

July

Christmas Tree Ornament of the Month



This Stitch Nation pattern by Debbie Stoller is a free download from Redheart. It's the perfect ornament to start our Countdown adventure. We supply the yarn at our Studio, you bring your needles and knit the ornament! The cost is a voluntary donation for supplies!



Get Ready to Knit Along With Us!



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Check out the projects we will be knitting together. We start with a fabulous sweater option in August and continue with smaller projects as we countdown to December. Join a group either Thursdays or Saturdays from 1 to 4 beginning August 4 for knit-along help and companionship.

Discounts

30% off featured kit or any of the project yarns and patterns featured this month

Take advantage of exclusive Passport Discounts for the featured projects this month. What a deal!

August

"This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August: summer's last stand." Sara Baume, A Line Made by Walking

August 4 - 1 to 4 pm Knit along with us!

Choose the Simple Christmas Stocking or the Clara Sweater for a group knit-along for all skill levels. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced, we'll figure it out together by choosing one of the two projects. Sign up for a knit-along group too! Both projects are fun and made with beautiful yarns from our selection. Groups meet Thursdays and Saturdays 1 to 4 pm.

Kit



Sheep!

Make adorable knitted sheep with this pattern by Susan B. Anderson! Three versions to knit with this kit that includes the Deshutes River Yarn. Great stocking stuffers or mantle decorations.



Home Decor



Churchmouse Simple Stocking

We've shown you our samples. Now it's time to knit your own as beautiful mantle decorations, or as a personalized stocking for a child or grandchild in the family.

Once you've knit one of the basic sizes we will work on embellishing them in November



December

Christmas Tree Ornament of the Month



We will have our final ornament from this collection for last minute gifts to friends, co-workers, or as a gift wrapping topper. Be assured we saved the easiest one for last! Voluntary donation for supplies at the studio appreciated.



Gift Kits And Certificates!



For the knitter friend or family member on your list, purchase one of our kits or a gift certificate. Discounts apply to kits only.

Choose one of the kits we offered earlier in the countdown, or pick one of our BK Collective Patterns and we will help you choose the yarn for a custom kit.



You are Invited

...to relax and have a cup of hot apple cider any Saturday at the Studio in December as we enjoy the season, rest on our laurels, and finish any last minute tasks to complete projects. Need help finishing? Let us know, we'll help you figure out how to make that project show off all your hard work and knitting skill.

December

"How did it get so late so soon?" – Dr. Suess

We enjoy the quiet of a cold evening knitting...

Time for our grand prize drawing, celebration, and enjoyment of the company of other knitters as we sip our cider and knit for pure enjoyment. Perhaps that is what Mona Lisa is smiling about, she got her gift knitting done before Christmas.

Hand-made gifts are at the ready, wrapped and waiting to be revealed again as the fruits of our Countdown are enjoyed!

Nevertheless, perhaps there is someone you forgot to include on your list, or you receive an unexpected gift from a co-worker. Fear not, we have last minute easy crafts and quick knitting you can knock out at the studio, or in a couple of evenings. With simplicity and big yarn you can accomplish anything.

Warm Cap Big Yarn Easy Knit!

Chuckanut Cap – as fun as it sounds!



We've got a quick, simple, no fuss pattern for Chuckanut, a squishy bulky yarn. Use big needles and you will have it done before the Reindeer clatter on the roof. This one-skein pattern will save the day!



August

Project



Knit-Along Clara Sweater

The Clara Sweater by Jennifer Wood. We fell in love with it at first sight. Our sample is knit up in Elemental Affects Civility, an amazing yarn in a silk/Merino blend. We will be offering 12 different colors to choose from!



This yarn is new to Jorstad, made from domestic wools and dyed in the US by my friend Jeane DeCoster.

Christmas Tree Ornament of the Month



In the Studio we feature an ornament from this great pattern, "Knit Christmas

Ornament Patterns", by Amy Gaines. Sit at our project table. We will provide the materials and help. Voluntary donation for supplies accepted.



Discounts

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September

"Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul...but I must confess that I love you only because you are a prelude to my beloved October." Peggy Toney Horton

September

Fall turns our heads toward home. Last minute adventures from the summer are still fresh, the smokie campfire scented sleeping bags are washed and put up for the winter. The cool evenings turn crisp, and the leaves begin to turn. Like a lovely pile of leaves, jump in to one of our Fall projects!

Kits



Tulapalula Cowl

The kit includes the pattern and one skein of each yarn to make this colorful cowl. Kits available in Kodiak single ply self striping hand and one in a solid color of Arranmore. This is a quick knit for gifting.

Holiday Decor



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Little miniature sweaters attached to a garland and draped across the mantle. Or on a Christmas Tree! Sign up for this single session class. Pattern and yarn supplied in class.



Mini-Sweater Garland Class - \$65 September 15, 10 am to noon

November

Christmas Tree Ornament of the Month



We feature another ornament, supplying the yarn and essentials for a donation. We'll help you get a charming result with another ornament for your growing set made from this pattern!



Project

Knit-Along Woodard Bay Hat



This BK Collective Hat features a twisted cable (no cable needle required!) in two luscious yarn options, Arranmore, and Verdant DK in a Merino/Rambouillet blend. This is a great hat for anyone and can be cranked out as last-minute gifts. Kick off is Saturday November 3.



Discounts

30% off Featured Kit or any of the project yarns and patterns featured this month

Take advantage of exclusive Passport Discounts for the featured projects this month. What a deal!

November

“October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron, with hard frosts every morning and icy drafts that bit at exposed hands and faces.”

– **J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix***

This month we look forward to our Maker’s Market, an event at the Studio when we invite local artisans to display and sell their wares. You are sure to find a unique hand-crafted gift for people on your list – those you haven’t already made a gift for, of course!

Kits



Forest Flower Mitts
Kits available in Elemental Affects American Shetland two-ply in multiple color choices, solids and mini skeins for making the flowers!

Home Decor



Two free pattern options for knitting these little squares of hospitality in a cushy cotton bamboo yarn “Cummulus.” Present them in a fun wrapped box with a bar of artisan-made scented soap to your host at social functions.



Face Cloths, plain and fancy

September

Project



Knit Along Tulapalula Cowl

Join us on Saturday September 8 to start this colorful cowl as we head into Fall! You can make a half dozen of these once you get comfortable with the simple colorwork chart. The color changes are accomplished with one skein of self-stripping yarn. No worry about lots of ends to sew in!



Project



Knit-Along Socks

Whether you want to start at the cuff or the toe, get going on sock knitting! We will talk about appropriate yarn choices, patterns, and fit at the kick off. Join a Knit-Along group as we step you through the joy of socks! Kick off is October 13, 1 to 4 pm



Discounts

30% off featured kits, sock yarn, and cotton yarn!

Take advantage of exclusive Passport Discounts for the featured projects this month. What a deal!

October

*"She raised a sharp eyebrow at him. "Vlad, no offense, but look at you. If you're not a vampire, you're clearly the most anemic goth I've ever seen."... **Heather Brewer, Twelfth Grade Kills***

October

As predictable as when "Shark Week" comes in summer just in time for summer at the beach, the horror and suspense films come to Fall TV just in time for Halloween! Let's face it, getting a little scared makes you feel more alive. A great Stephen King novel to listen to while you knit also hits the spot.

Kits



Beaded Cuffs Large and Small

Knitted jewelry! Kits available in Deshutes River, our sport weight with crisp stitch definition. Knit these simple cuffs adding beads as you go. Kit includes yarn, pattern, and tin of matching beads.

**Little Ones Doll Class - \$65
October 13 10 am to 1 pm**

Home Decor



Learn how to make a primitive folk doll – 4 to 6 inches tall – from muslin, fabric scraps, wool, and yarn. These "little ones" will adorn your mantle or sit on a branch of your Christmas Tree! Materials provided, including patterns.



October

Studio Craft



We feature another ornament from this fabulous collection, supplying the yarn and essentials in the studio for a supply donation. Another ornament for your growing set made from this pattern!



Project



Knit-Along Nilla the Unicorn

We loved this sweet knitted unicorn stuffed with wool. We've got the materials if you want a kit that includes the pattern, or you can bring your own worsted weight and purchase the pattern separately. We kick off this project on Saturday October 6.



Discounts

30% off featured kit or any of the project yarns and patterns featured this month

Take advantage of exclusive Passport Discounts for the featured projects this month. What a deal!